

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete line 7 "Fig. 1" from the Abstract

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to insert headings to conform the application to U.S. practice, and to correct informalities in the specification, claims and abstract resulting from a literal translation of the French text.

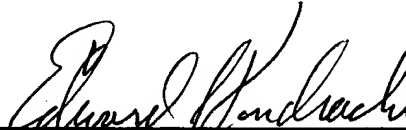
Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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